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SUBJECT: TRAIN CRASH ON LIMPOPO RAILWAY LINE

ON MARCH 27 ONE OF WORST TRAIN CRASHES IN MOZAMBIQUE'S HISTORY TOOK PLACE 69 KILOMETERS FROM LOURENCO MARQUES ON LIMPOPO RAILWAY LINE. AT ABOUT 0715, PASSENGER TRAIN COMING FROM RHODESIA AND HEADED TOWARDS LOURENCO MARQUES, COLLIDED HEAD ON WITH TANK CAR TRAIN PROCEEDING NORTH FROM VILA LUISA, CAUSING TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVE, EXPLOSION AND BURNING OF DOZEN TANK CARS. AT LEAST THREE TRAIN CREW MEMBERS WERE KILLED AND 25 PASSENGERS WOUNDED WITH TOTAL CASUALTIES NOT YET AVAILABLE. RAILWAY AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING CAUSE OF ACCIDENT WHICH BELIEVED PROBABLY DUE TO FAULTY COORDINATION OF DEPARTURES OF RESPECTIVE TRAINS RATHER THAN SABOTAGE OR OTHER SIMILAR CAUSE.

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